THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.22973 of 2005

Date:26.10.2005

M.Balaji.

--------PETITIONER

The Government of Andhra Pradesh and others

---------RESPONDENTS

O R D E R:

The petitioner challenges the orders passed by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.1422, Revenue (Endowments) Department, dated 25-07-2005, and the consequential order passed by the Religious Endowment.

The Government cancelled all the orders of appointment, promotion or extension of scales of pay, as the case may be, passed during the tenure of a particular officer as Commissioner of Endowments, by invoking powers under Section 19 of the A.P. Charitable & Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act. This Court had an occasion to deal with a batch of matters in WP.No.19107 of 2005 and batch, through order, dated 09-09-2005. The course of action, adopted in such matters, was pointed out. Learned counsel for the petitioners, Learned Government Pleader for Endowments, and the Learned Standing Counsel for the 3rd respondent-Temple, do not dispute that this writ petition is also identical to the said batch of writ petitions.

In view of the same, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that,

a. the 1st respondent, the Government of A.P., shall issue a show cause notice to the petitioner, pointing out the defects in the orders of appointment issued in favour of the petitioner. On a

consideration of the same, the Government shall pass appropriate orders, within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

b. In case, the enquiry is not concluded within the period stipulated above, or no extension sought for is granted, the petitioner shall be entitled to the benefit of orders of appointment on contract basis, without prejudice to the right of the Government, to take further steps.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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